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Robert L. Forney Farm Waterbury

Circa 1852 with early 20th century addition

Private

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## Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Nam	e (indicate p	referred name)		
historic T	homas Crandell Far	m		
and/or common	Robert L. Forney	Farm		
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	approx. 1/2 mile	s. of Severn Chapel	Rd. and 4 mile —	not for publication
city, town W	S. W. of interaterbury	section with Waterbu	ry Rd, congressional district	4th
	aryland	county	Anne Arundel	7011
	sification	County	Anne Arunder	
Category  district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered xnot applicable	Status X occupied  unoccupied  work in progress Accessible  yes: restricted  yes: unrestricted  X no	Present Use  X agriculture Commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	erty (give names a	nd mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name Ro	obert L. Forney			-
street & number	1559 Severn Chaj	pel Rd.	telephone no	)·: 301-923-2694
city, town Ca	rownsville, Md	state	and zip code MD	
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Description	on	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Anne	e Arundel Co. Courtho	ouse	liber 2644
street & number	Church Circle	2		folio 828
city, town	Annapolis,		state <sup>1</sup>	AD
6. Rep	resentation	in Existing	Historical Surve	eys
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## 7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Robert L. Forney Farm, located in central Anne Arundel County near the town of Waterbury, consists of approximately 151 acres on which stand a mid-19th century frame dwelling with an early 20th century addition, a frame meathouse, an early 20th century frame storage shed, a mid-19th century frame tobacco barn, and a mid-20th century frame barn.

The frame dwelling, which faces northwest, was constructed in two sections. The earlier section is a  $1\ 1/2$  story dwelling, measuring 3 bays by 1 bay with a shed wing covering the rear (southeast) elevation. An offset entrance is located on the southwest end of the principal facade. Two pitched roof dormers pierce the facade slope of the gable roof. (The overall dimensions of this earlier section are  $16 \times 24$  feet).

Adjoining the northeast gable end of the earlier section and running perpendicular to it is an early 20th century addition with the gable end oriented to the facade. It measures 2 bays by 2 bays and has a 1-story shed wing covering the rear (southeast) elevation. The principal entrance is located on the facade in the southwest bay of this addition.

A hip roof, one-story porch supported by six turned posts runs across the facade of the dwelling. The exterior walls of the house are covered with asbestos siding and the roof with asphalt shingles. The windows are 6/6 sash in the earlier, mid-19th century, section and are 2/2 sash in the later, early 20th century section. An interior brick chimney is located where the two sections meet.

Interior trim is plain; a plain mid-19th century mantel survives in the earlier section of the house.

A frame meathouse, now covered with asphalt siding, is located to the rear (southeast) of the dwelling.

A tobacco barn, located west of the house, appears to date from the mid-19th century with later alterations due to a fire (information provided by present owner). It has hewn sills and posts. The rafters are mitred and rest on a flat false plate. A shed, covering the northeast elevation, functioned as a stockyard. This tobacco barn has not been used for drying tobacco for 14 years. A newer frame tobacco barn located to the south has replaced the older barn.

A brick lined well, which has been sealed, is located in front of the house, to the northwest, across the driveway.

The present owner says that the field in front of the house may well be an Indian burial ground; it has produced a rich assortment of Indian artifacts. A boundary stone marked "RHWW 1790" is also located on the property.

The farm is situated on high ground for the area. A spectacular view to the northwest can be afforded from the front porch of the house.

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The location of the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad through this area in 1840 (3/4 mile from the Forney Farm), gave rise to numerous farms along its path.

In 1852 Rignal D. Woodward of nearby Abington (see AA-174), sold 109 acres of "Woodwards Enclosure" to Thomas Crandell of Anne Arundel County. An additional 41 acres were conveyed in 1870. A\_mortgage foreclosure occurred in 1876 and Crandell's death shortly thereafter. Descendants of Crandell's received the property at a public sale, but were forced to sell in 1887 due to another mortgage foreclosure. An advertisement for the sale in 1887 described the farm as 109 acres, bordering the farms of R. D. Woodward, Springfield Baldwin and others. It was improved by a dwelling, barn and other out-houses "in good condition." It was purchased by William Cadle, who conveyed it in 1887 to Eliza J. Forney of Anne Arundel County. The present owner is a descendant of Eliza Forney.

8. Significance

<sup>1.</sup> Anne Arundel County Land Records, Liber NHG No. 1, Folio 22.

<sup>2.</sup> Equity Case #564 (1876); and Land Records Liber SH No. 11, Folios 75-77.

<sup>3.</sup> Equity Case #1135 (1887).

<sup>4.</sup> Land Records, Liber SH No. 31, Folios 564 and 565.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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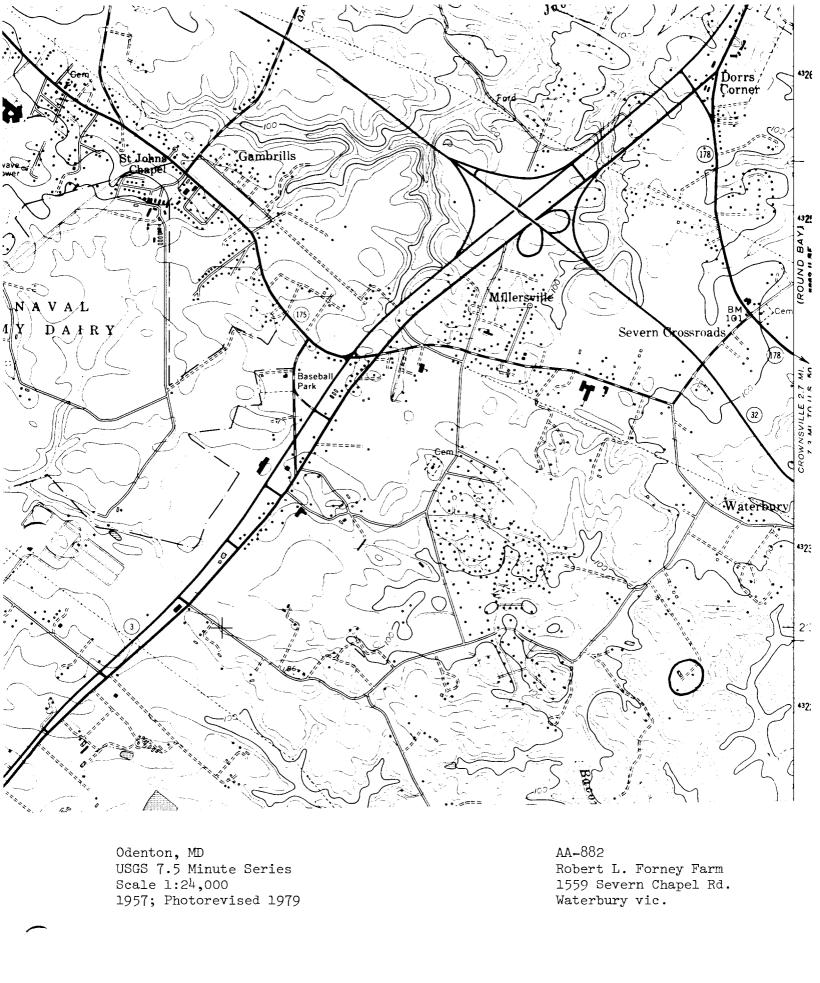
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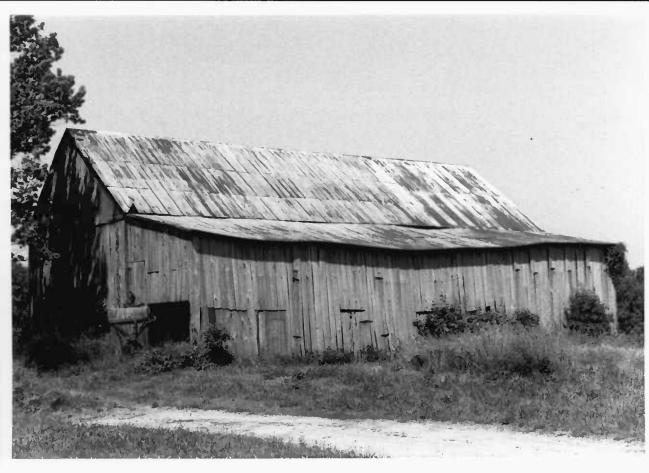
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